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Essential Supplies for residents



Swanley Town Council is co-ordinating the efforts of local volunteers in the town to make sure the most vulnerable of our residents are looked after.

If you can volunteer time, food or funds then we would like to hear from you and it's simple to register.

Food packages are already being provided, in addition to volunteers doing shopping for those in self isolation or lacking funds to purchase food through loss of work.

A Gofundme page has been launched, with additional funds provided by the Town Council and from Councillor Michael Horwood's County Councillor Grants.

The Mayor of Swanley Councillor Lesley Dyball (*pictured packing food bags*) said 'it is amazing how our residents have pulled together to help and it makes me proud to be mayor of this wonderful town.

But remember this is just the beginning and this support may need to be maintained for several weeks to come'.

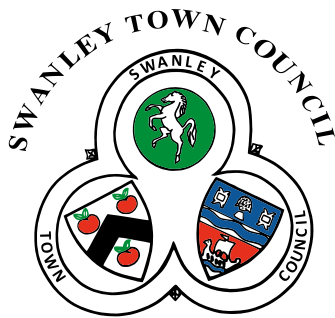
Council Officers are working hard to allocate appropriate resources but they are keen to point out that those resources are finite and any assistance is most welcome.

If you would like to help, we would love to hear from you please call 01322 665855 or email us towncouncil@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk



The Mayor of Swanley and a member of staff packing bags from the resource table. GoFundMe <https://tinyurl.com/yd64yvlh>





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A word from the Mayor Councillor Lesley Dyball

Spring is my favourite season of the year, and my messages in previous Spring editions of the Town Crier have reflected on being outside enjoying the longer days and warmer weather.

This year is very different given the current Coronavirus crisis which is affecting every one of us in one way or another.

The message is clear; Stay at home, Protect the NHS, Save lives.

A call went out during the first few days of this emergency to anyone in Swanley who was able to give of their time to help others, and the response was overwhelming.

I know of faith groups who are distributing fresh produce and emergency food supplies.

Other local organisations and groups and the voluntary sector are playing a vital role offering telephone

support and running errands for shielding and vulnerable residents unable to leave their homes.

To our army of volunteers, key workers, stay at home carers, to everyone playing their part during this crisis, I would like to take this opportunity now to thank every one of you who is supporting those in need in our community.

We will get through this crisis, there will be sunnier days and I would like to think that our community will be all the stronger and more resilient for going through this extremely difficult time together.

With every good wish.

Stay safe.

*Lesley
Dyball*

Mayor of Swanley
Town Council

**STAY
HOME**

**PROTECT
THE NHS**

**SAVE
LIVES**

A word from the CEO

What a very unusual start to the year it has been, not just in Swanley but for the whole world and some challenging times still ahead.

Here in Swanley we have all been playing our part in supporting the most vulnerable in our society and putting in place measures to assist if things get worse. But I have been very pleased to see volunteers coming forward to assist their friends and neighbours and people that simply need a little extra help.

Donations have been coming in both for food and for funds which is helping those who cannot get out cash to buy items and don't have the technical skills to shop online.

Swanley Town Council staff and councillors have been coordinating hundreds of visits and collections for

our residents and will do so for the duration of this crisis.

Behind the scenes, work still goes on to complete projects like the new Splash area, upgrade toilets and changing facilities and to keep areas as clear of rubbish as possible.

We are still arranging events for later in the year and I am sure you are all as eager as me to get out of the house and socialize again when the restrictions are lifted.

I hope you will all join us to celebrate the end of this crisis when the time comes and once again make use of the facilities we have available in our own town.

But until then please stay safe, keep your families safe and help keep others safe by sticking to the rules.

Steve Nash
CEO

Town Council



Can you spare a couple of hours?

Make a difference this year by joining us and taking part in the

Great British Spring Clean 2020

Swanley Town Council are looking for people to help litter pick in Swanley!

25th - 28th September 2020

if you are interested in getting involved please contact Toni on 01322 665855



Events 2020

BONFIRE NIGHT

**Swanley Recreation Ground
FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER**

Remembrance Day Parade

**Sunday 8th November
2:30pm
from Swanley Town Centre**

Light Up The Town

**Saturday 5th
December
Swanley Town
Centre**

**Activities,
Crafts, Displays,
Children's Rides
Stalls**

Civic Carol Service

**St Mary's Church
December
date TBC**



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mr Steve Nash
Swanley Town Council
St Mary's Road
Swanley
BR8 7BU

7 April 2020

Dear Steve,

It was good to speak to you recently and hear about the work the Town Council are doing. I now wanted to take this opportunity to put on record my deep appreciation and thanks to you and all of the staff at Swanley Town Council for your hard work during this current crisis.

Whilst rightly there is much attention on the Health Service and all that they do, the vital role of council staff must not be overlooked.

I know the staff, under much pressure and in difficult circumstances, are pulling out all the stops to ensure essential services are provided, plus are working hard with local community groups and organisations. Each member of staff plays an important role and I am immensely grateful for all that they are doing.

Once again, thank you to everyone at Swanley Town Council and do please pass on my appreciation to the rest of your team.

Best wishes

**LAURA TROTT MBE MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
SEVENOAKS & SWANLEY**

Hello from Patient Voice

Our theme this year is to engage with local communities in order to promote well-being in line with our Clinical Commissioning Group.

This current coronavirus crisis has rather forced the issue. Patient Voice has had to cancel all meetings and events for the foreseeable future, including our annual Health Event due to be held in July, owing to the present health crisis.

Please stay well at this difficult time and be careful and vigilant so as not to spread the virus. Have faith in our NHS with its committed and brave workers who will look after us, and please be patient if seeking medical help.

Please be aware that Swanley Town Council's Chief Executive Officer has put together a cohesive and comprehensive plan and there are 600 volunteers (most of whom are police checked) to assist with shopping, collecting prescriptions, pets etc for our elderly and vulnerable residents.

Call the Town Council on 01322 665855 if needed.

Jackie Griffiths

Chair of Patient Voice, The Oaks Surgery, Swanley



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PARTY ANTHEMS

The Alexandra Suite

Friday 25th September

8pm - Late

Tickets £10.00

01322 613900

sales@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

SOUL & MOTOWN

The Alexandra Suite

Friday 6th

November

8pm - late

Tickets £10.00

The Alexandra Suite, St Mary's Road, Swanley BR8 7BU

01322 613900 / sales@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

LASER TAG

Laser Tag Parties at Swanley Park

1 Hour Party / Various Games

£150 up to 10 children / £15 extra

Max 14 Children / 8+

150ft
Shooting Range

LED lights &
Vibrations

4 types of
Weapon mode

TO BOOK CALL 01322 665855
sales@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Coronavirus Support



Swanley Town Council

is appealing for donations
so we can buy supplies.

We are delivering care packages to the elderly
and vulnerable residents of Swanley.

We would love your support!!

www.gofundme.com

Search: Swanley Town Council



Also looking for volunteers

01322 665855

towncouncil@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Swanley Wildlife & Nature Group (SWAN)

Normally by the Spring SWAN members are enjoying the Environment Area in Swanley Park with cutting back shrubs, making new homes for wildlife and generally being outside enjoying nature!

But unfortunately the "Virus" has taken its toll and we are not meeting at present (please see calendar of events under Community on the Town Council's website).

Nonetheless SWAN members are busy planning their gardens for the summer, sowing seeds that will attract wildlife ie lavender, snapdragons and sedum as well as herbs such as marjoram and rosemary.

If the children are off school, why not plant seeds with them or create a simple home for insects with yoghurt pots, twigs etc – lots of ideas on the internet. Get outside for fresh air and exercise and appreciate all the trees, birds and plants that we often take for granted!

When we are back to normal why not join one of our working parties?

We meet monthly, usually on the last Saturday of the month from 10am to 12noon (please check the programme/ calendar); there are no subscriptions,

tools provided and there is lots of wildlife to discover and enjoy in the Environment Area and elsewhere in Swanley Park.

At present loads of tree saplings are coming in to bud, spring flowering bulbs such as wild daffodils, woodland anemone and bluebells are to be enjoyed, and life springing up everywhere, all free of charge!

Hope to see you soon – check out our website – www.freewebs.com/swanleyenvirogroup and find us on Facebook – Swanley Wildlife and Nature Group.

Our Website



Facebook Page





At  **SWANLEY
Park**



Wednesday 2nd September

Rocket Man



Thursday 3rd September

Dirty Dancing

For tickets visit www.thelunacinema.com

NERF PARTIES 5+

Nerf Parties at Swanley Park

1 Hour Party / Various Games

£100 up to 10 Children / Max 20

Guns, Bullets & Googles are provided



TO BOOK CALL 01322665855

sales@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Max 20 / 5+

SURVIVAL PARTIES

At Swanley Park



OPTION 1

Survival Skills Party

Camouflage & Concealment - Build a Shelter -

Fire Lighting w/ marshmallows

1 Hour / £100 based on 10 children

£10 Extra pp

OPTION 2

Build Your Own!

1 Hour Nerf & Choice of 2 / 30 min activities:

Tug of War - Soft Archery - Build a shelter -

Fire Lighting w/ marshmallows

2 Hour / £150 based on 10 children

£15 Extra pp



TO BOOK CALL 01322665855

sales@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

STREET PARTY !!



SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

**When it's SAFE
let's bring the community together!!**

**FOR THIS TO HAPPEN WE NEED VOLUNTEERS,
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

CALL 01322 665855

SWANLEY IN BLOOM

Support our South & South East In Bloom competition, you could even Sponsor your own Basket from £65 to help make our Town look lovely.

IN BLOOM COMPETITION - FREE TO ENTER

CATEGORIES:

- Best Front Garden
- Best Back Garden
- Best hanging Basket/Trough
- Best community environmental project
- Best community ornamental project

Entry closing Date: 30th June

Judging 1st August

Entries via Coolings further details go to www.coolings.co.uk



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Swanley - 01322 619100

31 Station Road, BR8 8ES

swanley@welhamjones.co.uk



Other offices at: Borough Green - 01732 780600, Chelsfield - 01689 452525,
Chislehurst - 020 8467 2222, Sevenoaks - 01732 742400, Tonbridge - 01732 617171, Tunbridge Wells - 01892 300330

www.welhamjones.co.uk



Swanley Park's brand new splash area is nearing completion

Before



Swanley Park's brand new splash area is nearing completion after 6 months of construction.

The area is set to offer visitors countless hours of fun and provide for generations to come, by offering a 50% larger pool, new water features including a triple bucket soak zone, larger grassed area

Park Director Ryan Hayman said 'We cannot wait to open this amazing space, which I am certain will be immensely popular and enjoyed by all.'

We have had a challenging winter period and have been hampered by the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, but we are looking forward to welcoming all visitors when we have all managed to succeed in the fight against this virus'.

The project has been captured stage by stage and the timeline illustrates the size of the project undertaken by contractors Ustigate LTD and Swanley Town Council.



After



Park Director
Ryan Hayman



NEW EVENT

MICHAEL JACKSON

LIVE TRIBUTE & LATE DJ
RORY JACKSON AS SEEN ON BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT



Alexandra Suite

Friday 16th October
7:30pm - Late
£10 per person

Call 01322 613900 / sales@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

The Alexandra Suite

LIVE MEDIUM ON STAGE

STEVE HOLBROOK



Wednesday 7th October - 7.30pm
Tickets £15.00
Box Office: 01322 613900



CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT

Friday 27th November
8pm - Late / Tickets £10.00

The Alexandra Suite, St Mary's Road, Swanley BR8 7BU
01322 613900 / sales@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk



For further information on bookings and joining our events

Please call call our sales team on
01322 613900
sales@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk
to find out more.



Swanley Warriors

Swanley Town Council
can carry out additional works for local residents
From minimum £10 per hour

Our trained and experienced Grounds Team normally work Monday to Friday but are always looking to earn a little bit more.

**Cut Lawns
Strim Hedges
Dig gardens
Plant flora and Fauna,
Weed, Spray and Chip**

Bookings are subject to availability and can be made through the LINK on 03000 421 270
Or contact Bradley 07584030957

Items for planting must be purchased by the hirer and staff cannot be used for removing items of furniture and similar rubbish.



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